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- the hotel on Hessestrasse, Potsdam (N 53/Z 63),
"was occupied by 580 officers of all branches of service, in-
cluding 30 who arrived on 22 February. (1)

about 1,000 troops, most of whom wore artillery, infantry, and signal insignia, were quartered in the headquarters area in Potsdam-Wildpark. They were commanded by General Potikov, (fau), and included six batteries of 122-mm artillery pieces. (S)

- ### 3. Trucks

moved along Friedrich Ebertstrasse toward Krampnitz on 27 February, each truck being occupied by about 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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6. On 4 March, gate guards at the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was no training activity. Motor vehicles observed there

7. Sentries at the Soviet quarters behind the Heeresbeschlagsschule (former German Army horseshoer school) wore tank insignia. A column entering the billeting area from the direction of Fahrland on 4 March consisted of six T-34/85 tanks, truck ambulance and two sidecar motorcycles. Eight tanks of an undetermined type were parked in the yard of the installation. According to a German worker, the fuel depot north of the Heeresbeschlagsschule contained 12 underground fuel tanks, each having a capacity of 20,000 liters.

8. The Lohenlohe Kaserne was guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed. Trucks were observed in the billeting area. (4)

9. Gate guards at the Delius Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed there.

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10. The Artillerie Kaserne quartered a horse-drawn unit. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed. (5) 50X1-HUM
11. At about 9 a.m. on 1 March, 16 officers including two majors, all of them armed with pistols, 20 unarmed WCOs, and 60 unarmed EM assembled in front of the headquarters building of the Delius Kaserne. Suitcases were loaded on trucks. After a farewell speech held by a colonel, the troops mounted the trucks and left toward Krampnitz. The trucks returned to the Delius Kaserne at about 4 p.m. A driver said that the officers and EM had been taken to Rathenow, from where they proceeded by rail to the U.S.S.R. (6) 50X1-HUM
188 officers and 838 EM were served meals on 1 March. 50X1-HUM
12. [redacted] in the Delius Kaserne [redacted] the unit there, with all of its artillery pieces, left the installation toward Bornim at about 8:30 p.m. At about 12:30 a.m. on 3 March, three trucks moved out of the installation, each with two field kitchens, one loaded on the truck and one towed. The unit returned at about 6 a.m. (7) With the exception of the sentries, no soldiers were seen outside the quarters of the Delius Kaserne during the whole day. German laborers employed at the installation were forbidden to enter the barracks buildings during that time. The troops also left the installation during the nights of 3, 5, 6, and 7 March as they did on 2 March. When the unit left the installation on the evening of 6 March [redacted] sixteen 122-mm guns, one radio truck with extended antenna, eight trucks towing empty ammunition trailers, and several trucks occupied by soldiers. [redacted] the number of caterpillar tractors of the artillery unit in the Delius Kaserne at 60. 50X1-HUM
13. On 5 and 7 March, no changes were observed in the occupation of the restricted area in Babelsberg. AA guns were still emplaced at the athletic field. Crews of five soldiers each practiced aiming with two of the guns. Motor vehicles observed in the restricted area [redacted] 50X1-HUM
14. The northern building in the Soviet billeting area on the premises of the Friesicke and Hoepfner factory at 105 Ernst Thaelmannstrasse was occupied to capacity by about 300 troops who wore black epaulets with signal insignia. One officer and 21 EM wearing black epaulets with signal insignia entered the installation on 6 March, coming from the restricted area in Babelsberg. Trucks [redacted] were observed in the billeting area. (9) 50X1-HUM
15. Paul Neumannstrasse was blocked to civilian traffic on both sides. The houses along the street quartered about 300 soldiers who wore black epaulets with signal insignia. Many officers and EM were seen walking from there to the restricted area in Babelsberg and to the former factory area on Ernst Thaelmannstrasse. Personnel carriers [redacted] were parked at the southern entrance to Paul Neumannstrasse. (10) 50X1-HUM

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[] Comments.

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- (1) [] about the same number of officers to have been billeted in the hotel in mid-January 1951.
- (2) [] probably referred to the restricted area in "ildpark- West, east of Grosser Tintenfaenger Lake. It is believed that the headquarters of the unidentified artillery division, elements of the unidentified artillery brigade, to which the 122-mm guns may have belonged, and headquarters signal and artillery observation units of the division are stationed there. The strength figure given [] appears credible. Other components of the unidentified artillery brigade are probably quartered in the barracks installations in Golm. The report fails to state whether General Fotikov, (fnu), commands the division or the brigade. To date, Major General (Arty) Danilo, (fnu), has been carried as the commanding general of the unidentified arty division. One Major General (Arty) Kotikov, (fnu), who was identified in Budapest area in February 1945, may be the Fotikov mentioned in the present report. It is doubted, however, that the Fotikov in the present report is Major General A.G. Fotikov who was the commandant of Berlin up to the summer of 1950 and held only similar appointments since 1945.

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- (5) [] probably referred to the Ludendorff Kaserne north of Pflingstberg. Horse-drawn vehicles were first seen there on 14 February 1951. However, the information should be received with reserve since the elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div, believed to be stationed there, are probably not equipped with horse-drawn vehicles.
- (6) Soviet officers were also seen leaving the Neuruppin post for discharge on 17 February 1951.
- (7) Night exercises were also reported from other military posts.
- (8) Compare with information of 8 February 1951.
- (9) The factory area on Ernst Thaelmannstrasse was first reported to have quartered a signal unit of the GOFG in June 1950. For a sketch of the billeting area, see Annex.
- (10) According to available information, Paul Neumannstrasse does not belong to the restricted area in Babelsberg. The personnel carriers observed there definitely belonged to the 9th Gds Tank Div. It is possible that troops of the division were staying there temporarily.

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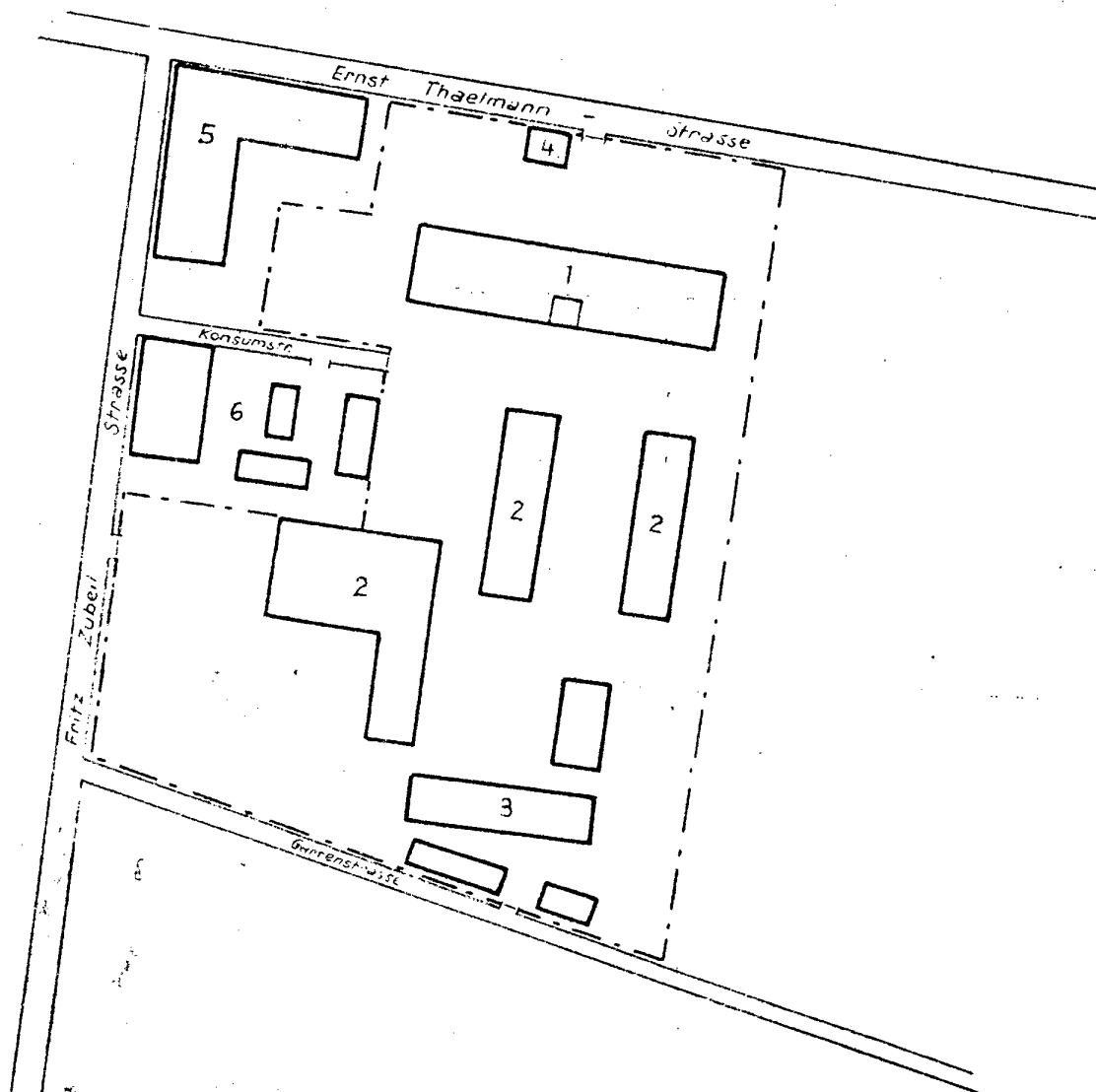
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 Soviet Military Billeting **U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY**
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- Legend:
- 1 Quarters
 - 2 Storage buildings
 - 3 Supply building
 - 4 Guardhouse
 - 5 Residential block
 - 6 Cooperative stores

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